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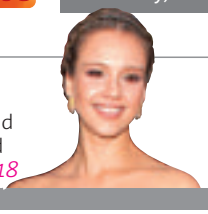

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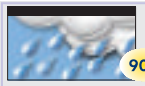

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RCMP kept secure a crash site at the Springbank Airport yesterday where the pilot of a small, homebuilt aircraft was killed in crash yesterday morning.

Pilot dies in crash

First test flight of homemade plane ends in tragedy

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

The pilot testing out a homemade aircoupe plane yesterday was killed as the plane crashed right after taking off on its first flight at Springbank Airport, just west of Calgary.

The small, single-engine four-seat plane went down just after 10 a.m., right after the pilot radioed in an emergency. But airport officials said it was unclear exactly how long he had been in the air before crashing in a muddy field next to the runway.

Though the plane was still upright, damage sustained included a broken wing and collapsed undercarriage.

"It's really difficult to (draw) any conclusions from (the damage)," said Rockyview Fire Capt. Doug Pieper.

The name of the pilot may be released as soon as today, but to determine what happened might take much longer while the RCMP works with the Transportation Safety Board in their investigations.

There was a brief disruption but planes waiting for the runway were allowed to land after a foreign debris check was conducted and soon other pilots braved the air.

"At the end of the day you're focused on the job at hand," said Larry Stock, airport manager. "You just have to focus on the flying."

fuel leak
» Concerns of an explosion due to a fuel leak were quelled as the fire department contained the leak.

Council OKs $716-million west leg LRT

C-Train to run through 17 Ave. despite safety fears

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

It took more than six months and no less than 48 hours of debate, but the west leg of the LRT will move forward essentially as initially proposed.

City council gave its final stamp of approval on the controversial $700 million project late last night for the line, which will split the median of Bow Trail at grade from 19 Street to 33 Street SW at an additional cost of $16 million and will run at grade through 17 Avenue SW despite concerns over safety and response times for emergency services near its intersection at 45th Street.

Time wasn't on Ald. Joe Connelly's side as his motions to bury the line on 17 Avenue SW from 37 to 47 Street at an added cost of $95 million, was rejected, as was his move to stop the line at Sunterra Market until proper funding became available to "do the project right the first time."

"We're running out of time," said the city's transportation general manager John Hubbell, adding Connelly's proposals would delay tender and drive the project back into next year.

Glendale's Veronika Duska said the entire process showed that Calgary citizens have but a superficial say in the city's big decisions — a fact she found disappointing.

"It makes you want to go home, have a shower and get on with your life," she said.

A last minute motion by Ald. Brian Pincott ensured the line will include a spur line option that could service Mount Royal College in the future.

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Calgary highest in hate crimes

City reports more than 3 times the national average

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

Calgarians are more likely to face hate-motivated crime than their Canadian counterparts, according to a study released by Statistics Canada yesterday.

In 2006, 92 hate crimes were reported in Calgary, which at nine per 100,000 people is three times higher than the national average of three per 100,000.

But local police believe the number is higher in Calgary than any other city because Calgarians feel comfortable reporting hate crimes to local authorities.

"I think it's good and bad. It's bad because it is unfortunate we have hate crimes in the city but it's good because it shows people have enough faith to come forward," Cnst. Lynn MacDonald of the Diversities Unit told reporters.

"Calgary is a big city but there is no reason other big city numbers shouldn't be around the same," she added.

MacDonald also said the national discrepancy could come from the fact that not all police services collect their information the same.

The report also showed that in Calgary most hate crimes were motivated by race or ethnicity, though MacDonald said a large number were against the gay and lesbian community.

A Muslim Association of Calgary administrator 30-year-old Salma Elkadiri told Metro the mosque often receives hateful messages, but overall she believes Calgarians are tolerant people.

"This is mostly some people who have anger but people in this city are very kind for the most part. The real Calgarians are very respectful," she said.

top five

» Statistics Canada – Hate Crimes report released yesterday per 100,000 people:
Calgary, AB – 9.1
Kingston, Ont. – 8.5
Ottawa, Ont. – 6.6
London Ont. – 5.9
Toronto, Ont. – 5.5

City man on lam arrested in Vancouver

A Calgary man wanted on Canada-wide warrants was picked up in Vancouver yesterday.

Vancouver police arrested 44-year-old Robert Scott Plant and charged him with break and enter. He already faces numerous Alberta charges of break and enter, theft, possession of stolen property and breach of recognizance. He will remain in Vancouver to face those charges before he is sent back to Calgary. METRO CALGARY

PHOTO COURTESY CALGARY EMS

Emergency response personnel took part in a mass casualty mock exercise at Chinook Mall Sunday night.

Training for 'worst'

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

There were shots fired and mass casualties at Calgary's largest mall Sunday night — but it was only an emergency services mock training scenario.

Chinook Centre management donated the usage of the large facility to the Calgary police, paramedic and fire services to stage a mass casualty scenario in an effort to train their officers for the "worst possible situation."

"It's a big city. You don't really want to think that it could happen here but how could you not prepare for the possibility?" Acting Inspector Dale Flemming told Metro.

Flemming said the preparation for the large scale training exercise took months to execute, but the result was well worth it.

"They responded really well and really benefited from it. There is always room for improvement but that is what we're trying to do," he added.

The scenario was a shooting incident where several members of the public, and a police officer — all actors — were injured.

support staff

CBE strike into its second round

IMPASSE Roving two-day strikes may just be a drop in the bucket as Calgary's Board of Education and support staff workers struggle to agree on a new collective bargaining scheme.

Facing mounting calls to break the impasse from 3,500 workers who hit the picket lines for the first time last week, and will be joined today and tomorrow by 150 professional staff — speech pathologists, occupational therapists, and psychological workers — support staff manager Bill Flookes said if the lingering issues aren't resolved by the beginning of next school year, there may be a full withdrawal of services.

"We're facing an awful amount of pressure from staff to walk out entirely right now, but I don't foresee that happening until the start of the next school year," said Flookes.

Board and support staff representatives met informally on Friday, but Board of Trustees vice-chair Carol Bazinet said the sides are no closer and plans continue to be refined in the event of more disruption.

NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

Air time **Taking a ride in Shaw Millenium Park**

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Dan Scott, 14, struts his spokes in one of the bowls at Shaw Millennium Park during yesterday's warmth. Rain and cool temperatures are once again expected for the next few days.

Stage set for global petroleum show

60,000 people expected to attend event

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Forget finding any open hotel rooms anywhere in Calgary this week — they'll be full of world-wide attendees to the 40th annual Global Petroleum Show that kicks off today.

While the whole of Stampeded Park will, as usual, be swallowed up by over 2,000 exhibits, a record breaking number, the Telus Convention Centre is also involved this year due to the Global Petroleum Career Expedition. Over 75 international companies are there purely to recruit, and Wes Scott, event director, says that there's expected to be 5,000 candidates attending.

The event is also expected to break attendance records, with 60,000 people expected.

"It's very exciting that we get to be a part of the largest show of its kind in the world," said Scott.

Scott attributes the high numbers to the rising price of oil, new exploration and production around the world, the hot oil sands, and the well-received Calgarian hospitality.

Two thieves take a bite out of Vipers

1964 Impala meant for charity auction stolen

By **DARREN KRAUSE**
Metro Calgary

A curveball was thrown at the fundraising efforts of Calgary's pro baseball team Sunday night.

Two men were caught on tape breaking into Foothills Stadium to steal the 1964 Chevy Impala convertible the Calgary Vipers Baseball Club was going to auction off for it's annual children's charity, Snake and Batters.

"I'm not happy," Vipers President and COO Peter Young told Metro.

Young said every second of the perpetrators act was caught on film, and he believes it's only a matter of time before the duo, which turned into a trio after the initial pair who stole the car brought it back – with a female passenger – to stir up more carnage.

Young claims beer and liquor were stolen, but once the thieves took the car, they rammed it through the front gates and made their escape.

Police do have a 'smoking gun' of sorts – a tan coloured backpack with the name Jadin W. written on it was found at the stadium, believed to belong to one of the thieves.

Young does want to see the car back in the hands of the club, and the hoodlums behind bars.

"If we get the car back, we're going to try to fix it the best we can," he said.

The club aimed at raising $100,000 for local youth and service organization around the city.

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Choose an overnight experience or stop by for a temple day experience depending on your schedule – either way you are sure to enjoy yourself.

For travellers fascinated by how history and modernity intertwine, a visit to Korea's Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) is absolutely mandatory. Cutting the Korean peninsula in half and approximately only four kilometres wide along its 250 km length, the fortified border at the DMZ is of great political importance to Korean and international relations. Half-day tours to the DMZ can be accessed directly from Incheon International Airport or from many points in downtown Seoul.

For visitors looking for a more intense and invigorating experience, opportunities abound to enjoy hiking in one of Korea's many majestic national parks. With 70 per cent of the country covered by mountains, Korea is truly a hiker's paradise.

Seoraksan National Park in north-eastern Korea, Hallasan National Park on Jeju Island and Jirisan National Park in south-western Korea all offer prime hiking territory for the adventurous traveller hoping to experience some of Korea's peerless natural environment.

Why not join a Taekwondo program to learn more about Taekwondo history and get trained in the graceful, empowering martial art? Beginners are most welcome and classes lasting a few hours usually take place in the morning, leaving the entire afternoon free for further exploration. Once you've fallen in love with the sport, check out the Taekwondo Cultural Festival which runs from July 4 – 11 as well.

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CTV scoops 'Hockey Night' anthem

Composer was asking too much money: CBC boss

Like an aggressive team snapping up a rival's top player, CTV television has acquired the rights to the "Hockey Night" jingle that has traditionally opened hockey broadcasts on the CBC.

The move, announced by CTV yesterday, is a major blow to the public broadcaster, where the theme has acquired iconic status as the opening for Saturday "Hockey Night in Canada" broadcasts, dating back to 1968.

Reports last week said that CBC was walking away from negotiations to renew its rights and the theme sparked a harsh reaction from fans who have grown up with the tune.

old agreement

» The old agreement, which cost the CBC about $500 for each game broadcast, expired following the final game of the Stanley Cup playoffs last week. Financial details of the agreement with CTV were not disclosed.

CTV said it would use the theme for hockey broadcasts on TSN and RDS, its English- and French-language sports networks.

"In addition, CTV will utilize the song as part of its hockey coverage during the upcoming Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games," Rick Brace, CTV's president of sports, said in a statement, calling the tune "a cherished piece of Canadiana."

Last week, Copyright Music & Visuals, which controls use of the song, said CBC had advised it was not prepared to enter into a new license agreement.

The head of CBC's sports programming defended the network's handling of the situation, saying there were limits to what the public broadcaster could pay for the theme — suggesting the composer was asking for at least $2.5 million. REUTERS

at the pumps

Flaherty open to G8's oil price ideas

INDUSTRY Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is keeping his options open as he heads into a discussion on soaring oil prices at a meeting this weekend of finance ministers from the world's top industrialized countries.

Flaherty said yesterday that although he believes markets not governments set oil prices, he is willing to listen to those who encourage boosting oil supplies as a way to lower prices.

"I'm sure we'll be talking about it. I suppose we could encourage more supply, that's certainly what some of the ministers have been talking about," he said.

The regularly scheduled meeting of G8 ministers this weekend in Japan comes ahead of next month's G8 summit. REUTERS

Dion responds to Tory attacks

Ads target Grits carbon tax plan

Accusations of tax grabs and insults flew in Parliament yesterday as the Conservatives engaged in early battle with the Liberal Party over Stéphane Dion's plans for a carbon tax.

Dion is set to make his carbon tax plan the main talking point of his summer barbecue circuit and possibly the next election campaign — but the Conservatives clearly want to define the issue before he does, and launched a series of attack ads on Sunday over the issue. The ads are being broadcast on radio and also being aired at gas station pumps. The ads are being broadcast on radio but some audio-visual ads — featuring a spot of black grease that talks — are also being aired at gas station pumps.

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Even though there's no election in sight, the Conservatives have launched attack ads against the Stéphane Dion and the Liberal Party over its plans for a carbon tax.

"Instead of taking this seriously, what do the Conservatives offer? A cartoon, a talking grease spot," Dion said in Parliament.

"When are the Conservatives going to stop insulting Canadians and offer a real plan to tackle climate change instead of cartoons and a campaign of lies?"

One Liberal source said the plan would add $15 billion in taxes, with some or all of it being returned via other tax cuts. REUTERS

Controversial immigration bill passes

Vote gives new powers to minister

Sweeping — and controversial — immigration reforms that will shake up the way Canada chooses its newcomers passed a final vote in the Commons last night.

Bill C-50 passed 121-90 last night despite the criticism of opposition parties, including the Liberals, who said they were opposed to the changes but didn't vote in sufficient numbers to actually defeat the legislation — a deliberate move to avoid sparking an election.

Under the changes, Immigration Minister Diane Finley will have the power to issue "instructions" to her department to give priority to categories of immigrants whose job skills are in demand in Canada. At the same time, she would have the power to refuse applications in other categories. NDP Leader Jack Layton said if Finley is truly interested in cutting the backlog of more than 900,000 applicants, she should deploy more staff to the busiest offices. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bernier probe begins today

The top bureaucratic adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper will likely be called to testify before a politically charged Commons committee that will today start probing the resignation of former foreign minister Maxime Bernier.

Calling Clerk of the Privy Council Kevin Lynch may be the only way to find out whether Harper was alerted by the RCMP about the links Bernier's ex-girlfriend had to outlaw bikers, a top Mafia member and others linked to criminal activity. Harper and Bernier have refused to testify. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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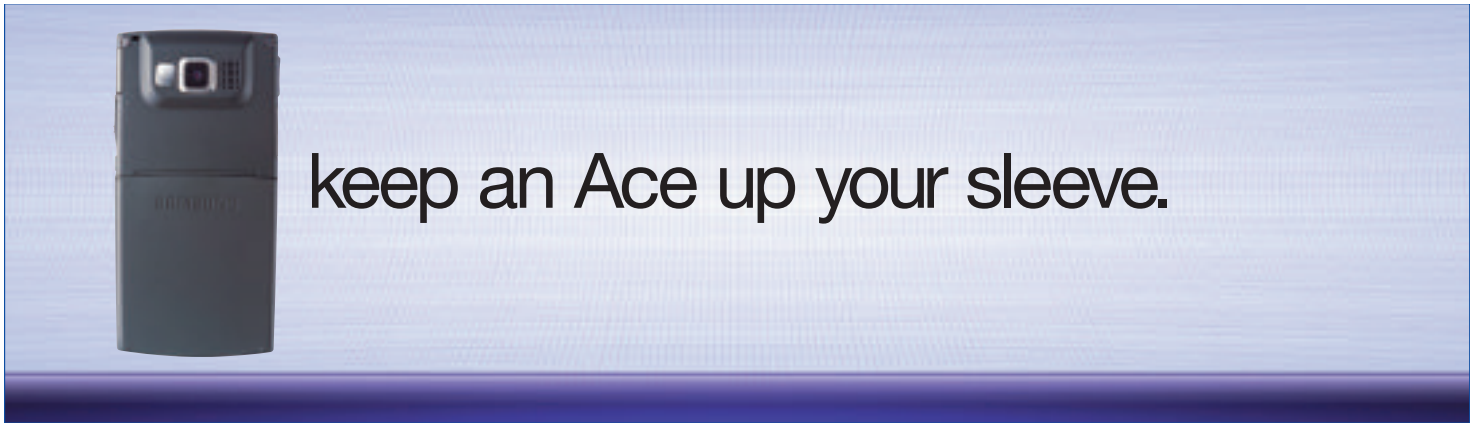

A mother's heartache

Shock follows news of soldier son's fluke death

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Anne Snyder of Halifax looks at photos of her son Capt. Jonathan Snyder, who died in Afghanistan last Saturday.

Anne Snyder recently had a conversation with her son about the dangers of deployment but she never imagined the fluke accident that would end up claiming Capt. Jonathan Snyder's life.

"I said, 'JJ, you could go at any time,'" said Anne Snyder from her Halifax home on Gladstone Street as she sorted through photos of the young man.

He told her when his number's up, his number's up, she remembered.

"But to think," she said, her voice beginning to tremble, "a well."

The 26-year-old officer was on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan and died Saturday night after falling down a deep well while on night patrol in the Zhari district of Kandahar province.

Army officials believe he drowned.

Snyder shared fond memories and photos of Jonathan, pointing out one taken with his brother when they were both little boys, Jonathan dressed in army gear.

"He always wanted to be in the army," she said with a smile.

Snyder will fly to Trenton, Ont., today to attend the repatriation ceremony for her son.

She said when she heard the news of his death, it was very much a shock, even though he'd been serving in Afghanistan since 2006.

"He lost several members in his platoon but always excelled," she said, beaming with pride.

Svekla conviction brings no relief

Prostitutes still live in fear of killers in Edmonton area

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

Paranoia still runs high on the streets and in the alleys frequented by area prostitutes, even though convicted killer Thomas Svekla will be sentenced for the murder of Theresa Innes next week.

"Absolutely no fear has been alleviated out there," said prostitution advocate Cat Strachan. "Killers are still out there and we still don't have closure for over 20 families."

Quinney

» **Svekla was tried and acquitted in the death of known prostitute Rachel Quinney, whose dead body he claims to have found in a field.**

Strachan has been working as a prostitute for 32 years. She runs an unofficial "check-in" program for women currently working the streets, keeping her eyes and ears on the comings and goings of women, in an effort to keep them safe.

She said that though Svekla is being sentenced for Innes' murder, a number of unsolved murders are cause for concern. She feels certain there is more than one person killing area prostitutes.

"The more that they're harassed and chased around from every corner of the city, the more they leave town," Strachan said, adding that many prostitutes are choosing to stroll the streets of smaller cities, for fear of being killed in Edmonton. "The more they're harassed, the more bodies turn up in Sherwood Park. I live there, and don't like the idea of it being a graveyard."

Thomas Svekla will be sentenced on Monday for murdering Theresa Innes and indignity to her body.

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One of the last shipments to a U.S. research base in Antarctica before the onset of winter darkness was a year's supply of condoms, a New Zealand newspaper reported yesterday. REUTERS

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'I will use a knife': Suspect

Man arrested in Tokyo killings posted warnings on website

A man arrested for killing seven people in a knife rampage on a crowded Tokyo shopping street posted dozens of warning messages on the Internet in the hours leading up to the attack, Japanese media reported yesterday.

Japanese police arrested a 25-year-old blood-spattered man at the scene for driving a truck into a crowd of Sunday shoppers in Akihabara, Tokyo's biggest electronics shopping district, and then walking down the street stabbing people at random.

Passersby prayed and dropped flowers yesterday at the scene of the attack, as a bewildered Japan tried to make sense of the latest in a series of random acts of violence.

Kato in an undated photo

worrisome words

» In the last of more than two dozen Internet postings, Kato wrote a few minutes before the truck was rammed into the crowd: "The time has come."

» "I'm used to acting like a good person. I can fool everyone easily," Kato had written earlier, adding he was struggling to make friends.

Before the rampage in Akihabara, the arrested man, Tomohiro Kato, had warned on an Internet site that "I will kill people in Akihabara," Japanese media reported.

"I will crash my car and when the car becomes unusable, I will use a knife. Goodbye, everyone!," the man wrote on his Internet site early Sunday morning, the Asahi newspaper said.

The Mainichi newspaper said Tokyo police had heard of similar posts on another Internet site, but could not stop the attacks.

Sunday's attack followed the killing of one person in a random stabbing outside a train station north of Tokyo in March, while five were hurt in a similar attack in January. REUTERS

oil companies

Obama say's he'll tax windfall profits

ECONOMY Barack Obama said yesterday he would impose a windfall profits tax on U.S. oil companies as he sought political gain from Americans' pain over high gasoline prices.

Launching a two-week focus on the economy after claiming victory in the Democratic presidential nomination contest, Obama drew a sharp contrast between his economic policies and those of John McCain, his Republican rival in the election.

"I'll make oil companies like Exxon pay a tax on their windfall profits, and we'll use the money to help families pay for their skyrocketing energy costs and other bills," Obama said. He charged that McCain's support for extending U.S. President George W. Bush's tax cuts means he is in favour of $2 trillion in corporate tax breaks, including $1.2 billion for Exxon Mobil Corp. REUTERS

Wildlife **Tiger initiative**

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Harrison Ford takes part in the launch of the Tiger Conservation Initiative at the National Zoo in Washington yesterday. The initiative, backed by the World Bank and a coalition of partners, is aimed at protecting the tiger population and their habitat. Actors Bo Derek and Robert Duvall also support the initiative.

Roman-era necropolis found

Archaeologists have discovered a nearly 2,000-year-old, intact necropolis on the outskirts of Rome that gives a rare insight into the lives of poor labourers in the Roman era.

The simple burial complex, dating to the 1st and 2nd century A.D. when the Roman empire was at its height, held about 320 tombs bearing well-preserved skeletal remains and artifacts like lamps and jewellery to accompany the dead into the after-life.

remains

» The human remains unearthed were predominantly male and displayed the effects of back-breaking work in humid conditions, suggesting they were likely workers at port facilities.

Archaeologists yesterday hailed the discovery as significant for offering a rare glimpse into the beliefs and traits of one of the poorest sections of Roman society — labourers or slaves who probably carried merchandise at a nearby port.

"The predominant aspect here is not the recovery of artifacts but the possibility of learning about the daily life of a small sample of citizens from the lowest levels of society during the Roman empire," said Angelo Bottini, Rome's archaeology chief. REUTERS

Aftershocks hit quake lake

Chinese troops are carving a third drainage channel into the unstable dam holding back a big "quake lake," as water levels rise and aftershocks send more debris tumbling into the water, state media reported yesterday.

Soldiers are also using short-range missiles and dynamite to blast apart boulders blocking the first channel, to speed up the flow of water, the official Xinhua agency said.

The Tangjiashan lake rose nearly a metre in 24 hours to yesterday morning, and already stood over two metres above the drainage channel even though it only began operating on Saturday.

If the dam gives way it will create a floodwave that could threaten up to 1.3 million people downstream. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **WEATHER** A dam near the Wisconsin Dells resort area broke yesterday, sweeping away some homes, as torrential rains caused more flooding across parts of the U.S. Midwest, authorities said. No deaths or injuries were reported, though residents living beside a few rain-swollen rivers in central Wisconsin were urged to evacuate, the Columbia County Sheriff's office said. REUTERS

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Some 55 dolphins have died, after coming ashore on a beach in the northwest of Madagascar, conservationists said yesterday. American specialists had arrived yesterday to examine possible reasons for the beaching and to lead some remaining dolphins out to sea, he said. REUTERS

Space mission a 'success'

Shuttle scheduled to leave space station tomorrow

Space shuttle Discovery astronaut Akihiko Hoshide unfolded the International Space Station's new Japanese-built robotic arm yesterday, although there was nothing around for it to grasp.

The 33-foot crane is part of the elaborate Kibo laboratory, which was built in Japan and installed aboard the space station during Discovery's current mission.

Next year, NASA plans to launch an outdoor platform with telescopes and science experiments that will be Kibo's final section. The robot arm will be used to tend that equipment, saving the time, cost and risk of spacewalks by astronauts.

The shuttle crew is nearing the end of its nine-day stay at the station. Hatches between the two ships are scheduled to be sealed today and Discovery's departure is planned for tomorrow. The shuttle's two-week flight is to end Saturday with a touchdown at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"The mission has been a great success," shuttle commander Mark Kelly said during the crew's inflight news conference.

While Hoshide tested Japan's new crane, crewmates Michael Fossum and Ronald Garan cleaned up from their three spacewalks and began packing gear back aboard the shuttle. Also returning on the shuttle will be station flight engineer Garrett Reisman, who has been in orbit for three months.

"As far as what I'm looking forward to the most, that's easy. I can answer that with two words and it's Simone Francis, who is my wife," Reisman said.

Reisman's replacement, Greg Chamitoff, will stay behind for a six-month stint. REUTERS

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Astronaut Karen Nyberg, STS-124 mission specialist and the 50th woman to fly in space, smiles for a photo as she floats on the middeck of the Space Shuttle Discovery while docked with the International Space Station in this photo released by NASA June 8, 2008

China using up its natural resources

Asian nation can't keep up with growing economy

China is drawing on natural resources such as farm land, timber and water twice as fast as they can be renewed in its drive for development, a report from Chinese and international environmentalists said yesterday.

The report said the next 20 years would be critical to correct the situation and put the Asian giant's burgeoning economy, with a rapidly growing population, on to a sustainable path.

"China's average ecological footprint has doubled since the 1960s and now demands more than two times what the country's ecosystems can sustainably supply," said a summary of the report, issued by the Swiss-based WWF International.

It said China's "footprint" — a measure of how much productive land and inland water resources are used up to satisfy the average current lifestyle of each member of the population — was running at 1.6 hectares per person.

average

» It said the global average footprint was 2.2 hectares per head.

This suggested that for China's current 1.2 billion people — one sixth of the world population — to sustain this rate, it would need to either double the land and water area it uses or cut back to nearer the available 0.8 hectares per person. REUTERS

Ukraine **A safe return**

VALERY BELOKRYL/REUTERS

A miner rescued from the Karl Marx pit in Ukraine is greeted by his family yesterday. Rescuers yesterday brought to the surface alive two miners missing after a gas explosion at a Ukrainian coal mine, and tried to push down a ventilation shaft to find 34 of their missing comrades.

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» **SPY** A German engineer admitted at his espionage trial yesterday that he had passed information from the helicopter maker Eurocopter to the Russian secret service. Prosecutors say Werner G. took documents from Eurocopter and passed them to a Russian intelligence agent whom he met several times between 2004 and 2006 in Germany, Austria and Croatia.

» **KENNEDY** Sen. Edward Kennedy, the patriarch of America's most storied political family, returned home to Massachusetts yesterday, a week after surgery for removal of a malignant brain tumor.

» **FOOD STAMPS** Some 27.88 million Americans received food stamps in March, up 1.5 million from a year earlier, according to the latest U.S. government figures which antihunger experts pointed to yesterday as a sign of economic distress. Food stamps help poor people buy food. Benefits average $1 per meal. The record for food stamp participation is 29.85 million people in November 2005. REUTERS

Family gets letter from abducted Israeli soldier

The family of Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier abducted by militants in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, received a hand-written letter from him, Israeli officials said yesterday.

Shalit, then 19, was captured on June 25, 2006 by Palestinian gunmen who tunnelled into Israel from Gaza. There has been no sign of life from the captive soldier except for a letter in September 2006 and an audio tape released by Hamas last June.

The release of the letter comes as Egypt is trying to broker a truce between Israel and Palestinian militant groups in Gaza.

A senior Hamas official said the letter was released in a gesture to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter who met with the group's leaders. REUTERS

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Beer remained the No. 1 alcohol beverage of choice but wine continued to grow at a faster pace. In Ontario, sales of beer actually declined for the first time in 10 years, the study also said.

Consumers continued to shift away from beer and toward more wine, particularly red wine, the study noted. Over the past decade, sales of beers have declined to 47 per cent while wine grew to 28 per cent of the market. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

New iPhone coming to Canada

The next generation of Apple Inc.'s iPhone will be cheaper, run on 3G high-speed mobile networks and, for the first time, be made available to Canadians. It will go on sale July 11 in Canada through Rogers Communications.

The 8-gigabyte version will cost $199 ($299 for the 16-gigabyte version), the same as in the United States.

Apple plans to make the device available in 70 countries this year to achieve its goal of selling 10 million units. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Cincinnati Reds slugger Ken Griffey Jr., left, belted his 600th career home run against the Florida Marlins last night to become just the sixth player in history to reach that milestone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports bars suffer hangover

Absence of Flames bad for business, owners admit

By **LAURENCE HEINEN**
for Metro Calgary

When the Calgary Flames made their amazing run to the Stanley Cup final in 2004, sports bars across the city reaped the benefits.

Since then, the lockout wiped out one complete season while the Flames lost in the first round of the playoffs three years in succession.

After the San Jose Sharks ousted the Flames in the opening round of this year's playoffs, it's safe to say that sports bars in Calgary suffered a hockey hangover.

"The hangover started when the Flames got knocked out," said Spencer Tapley, who owns and manages Bottom's Up Sports Pub in the city's southwest. "This year was certainly slower due to the lack of Canadian teams."

Sam Jablonka, vice-president of both Schanks locations in north and south Calgary, agreed that business dropped off after the Flames were eliminated.

"There's a hockey hangover for the sports fans for sure," Jablonka said. "There's one for us bar principles as well."

Business picked up for bars in the Stanley Cup final when the Detroit Red Wings skated to a six-game series victory over Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"There was quite a following of both Detroit and Pittsburgh fans," Tapley said.

"It was an excellent Stanley Cup for us," concurred Jablonka, noting both Schanks locations drew hockey diehards out on game nights.

Since opening in August of 2007, Jamesons Restaurant and Bar in Brentwood has noticed a spike in business during hockey games, especially when the Flames play.

"We had fairly good draws for most of the games," said manager Lee Conlin, adding diehard fans still wanted their hockey fix even after the Flames cleaned out their lockers. "We had a lot of activity for all the playoff games."

Now that hockey season has officially ended, sports bars have to become more creative to get people through the doors.

"We're in the dog days of summer," said Tapley, whose bar has become well known for being a great place to watch mixed martial arts, boxing and wrestling events on pay per view. "It's widely known in town now after six years of doing it that Bottom's Up Sports Pub is the place to go."

Jamesons has also taken to showing popular mixed martial arts events and has come up with popular theme nights such as an upcoming Newfie Night on June 26.

Of course, Conlin would like to see the weather improve so people can sit out on the patio.

"We've only had a few days that we've been able to open it," he said.

Over at Schanks, Jablonka doesn't mind it when it rains because people flock through the doors to enjoy a round of mini-golf, play pool, go bowling, do some off-track betting or play a round at Pebble Beach on the ever-popular golf simulator.

"When it's raining it's absolutely wonderful for us," Jablonka said.

Hasek goes out on top

Star goalie retires as Cup champion

Detroit goalie Dominik Hasek, known as "The Dominator" over a 16-season NHL career that included six awards as top goaltender and two Stanley Cups, announced his retirement yesterday.

Hasek

Hasek, 43, said he had no regrets about his decision to retire from the Red Wings and return to Europe to run his clothing business.

"I don't think it was a very difficult decision for me," Hasek told reporters, adding that he had talked about the possibility with his family in the past few months.

"Physically, I was feeling great."

Hasek said he had lost motivation and did not want to disappoint himself or others.

"Right now, I don't feel it is there," he said.

Hasek was among the top goaltenders in the regular season, but was replaced in the playoffs by Chris Osgood. Detroit beat Pittsburgh last week to win their fourth Stanley Cup in 11 years.

Hasek won his two Stanley Cups with the Wings, but his best years were with the Buffalo Sabres, where he won the Vezina Trophy six times and also won the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP in 1997 and 1998. REUTERS

NHL

Phaneuf on cover of NHL 09 game

HONOURS Calgary Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf will be the cover athlete and spokesman for the popular video game franchise NHL 09, Electronic Arts Inc. announced yesterday.

Phaneuf

"It is an incredible honour to be named to the cover of NHL 09," said Phaneuf. "I've been a really big fan of the franchise for as long as I can remember and am looking forward to being the face of the game this year," said Phaneuf, who is a finalist for this year's Norris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Oranje earn key win over Azzurri

First time Dutch have beat Italians in Euro competition

EURO2008

The Netherlands lit up Euro 2008 yesterday with a landmark performance to stun world champions Italy 3-0 while their wonderful fans delivered an example of colourful, noisy but peaceful support.

It was the Netherlands' first win over the Italians in nine attempts spanning 30 years — their last success coming in the 1978 World Cup — and Italy's worst-ever defeat in a European Championship.

It also put the Dutch in early control of the fearsome Group C after France were earlier held to a 0-0 draw by underdog Romania.

"I'm happy and proud but it is only a first step," said Dutch coach Marco van Basten.

Ruud van Nistelrooy, Wesley Sneijder and Giovanni van Bronckhorst scored the Dutch goals.

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Wesley Sneijder of Netherlands scores his team's second goal against Italy's goaltender Gianluigi Buffon yesterday during preliminary-round action at Euro 2008 in Bern, Switzerland.

The Italian team could only apologize and promise to lift their game.

"On behalf of my teammates, I feel I must apologize to all the fans; they, like us, did not expect this result," Italy skipper and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon told Italian TV. REUTERS

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Kirke telling truth about Burke

YORK REPORT
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It's so darned obvious, eh? **Ron Wilson** is hired as the Maple Leafs' new coach and his boyhood chum, **Brian Burke**, will eventually escape from his general manager's office with the Anaheim Ducks to become the newest chief of the woebegone organization.

The two then will put their heads together in hopes of finishing four decades of feeble futility.

The only problem with all this?

It ain't true. Not yet, anyway.

I know because **Gord Kirke** looked straight into my eyes over breakfast and told me there is no concrete plan for the Leafs to recruit Burke. Were anybody else on the planet telling me there's no merit to the Wilson-Burke theory, I wouldn't believe them. Kirke, however, is the man retained by the Leafs to find their new boss and, more importantly, is irrefutably the most honest and scrupulous individual I've met in 30 years of covering professional sports. He's different. He's a lawyer, but he isn't a liar. He's amicable, yet relentlessly tightlipped. He does what's best for his clients — whether they're players, executives, journalists, the Blue Jays or the Leafs — even if it means becoming a target of castigation himself.

And, indeed, Gord's become something of a human punching bag, as his initial plans to quickly hire a new GM became a slower process, with twists and turns. TV loudmouth **Don Cherry** decided to deride Kirke publicly. And fans are lambasting him on the Internet, questioning his wisdom and approach.

I assure you there's method to his madness, though. He won't divulge details, of course, but others will, and here's what they tell me:

Ultimately, Burke may indeed become the Leafs' GM, but there'll be no Kirke-Burke contact until it's legal. Ditto for other established GMs, including **Ken Holland**, **Jim Rutherford**, **Doug Wilson** and **David Poile**. Kirke attempted to speak to all five NHL mavens in recent months, but was denied permission. Yet all five will be contractually free after next season.

Kirke will interview them then. If Burke gets out of his Anaheim deal sooner, which is certainly possible, Kirke will contact him then. But he won't upset the NHL with surreptitious pursuit.

In the meantime, **Cliff Fletcher** will be the Leafs' interim GM and will hire an assistant, possibly **Doug Gilmour**. And Kirke will continue his search for as long as necessary.

And, no, he's not deliberately dragging on the process to remain on the Leafs' payroll. He receives a one-time fee from them, regardless of how long the search takes. It's just that he'd like to do the job right.

Sure, the Wilson-Burke tandem may become reality in Toronto, but it's by no means a done deal yet. Honestly.

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Strahan

» **NFL** New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said he was retiring yesterday, ending a 15-season NFL career. The 36-year-old played his entire career with the Giants, and retires as the NFL's single-season sack leader with 22.5 sacks in 2001.

» **NFL** The Chicago Bears released running back Cedric Benson yesterday following arrests for drunken driving and boating, general manager Jerry Angelo said. "Cedric displayed a pattern of behavior we will not tolerate," Angelo said in a statement. Benson, 25, was the fourth overall pick in the 2005 draft out of the University of Texas.

» **NFL** Tennessee Titans linebacker Ryan Fowler has been notified by the NFL that he faces suspension for being in violation of the league's policy for performance-enhancing drugs, according to ESPN.com. The website said that Fowler received a letter from the NFL on Friday that said it had "credible information" that Fowler "purchased, used or supplied" performance-enhancing drugs.

» **NBA** The Chicago Bulls reportedly have chosen Vinny Del Negro as their new head coach. The Chicago Tribune cited sources yesterday as saying the club has offered the position to Del Negro, who is set to accept. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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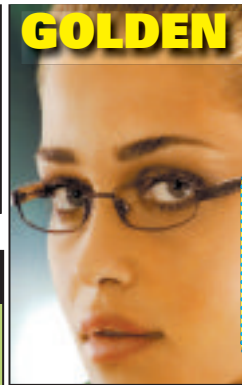

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Who hasn't lost control when it comes to spending big bucks on dates?

We'll be the first to admit we've gone a little overboard in the past. Just last year one of us spent more than $700 (in a state of panic) for the perfect outfit for a date. Another one of us managed to rack her Visa bill up into the hundreds, buying a cute dog leash and collar for her pooch, so her dog would look especially cute for their dog-walking date!

Whether you're treating yourself to a new outfit or treating your date to dinner and drinks, the quest for love can add up.

But impressing your date doesn't have to mean emptying out your bank amount. In fact, your date is much more likely to be impressed by the effort and creativity that has gone into planning your time together, rather than the money that you have dished out to make the date happen.

Here are some ways to keep your date hot and your spending in control:

» Rather than meet your date for dinner, get together over breakfast or lunch. Dinner is often the most expensive meal of the day and even though lunch menus often offer similar menu items, restaurants often charge considerably less than dinner. Even better, meet for a coffee for your first date. Why invest a fortune when you're not even sure what the return on investment will be?

» If going to the theatre is your thing, purchase tickets for preview nights. Not only do you get to see the performance before everyone else but you can also save money. Also check out community theatres for smaller productions, which come at a fraction of the cost.

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» Now that we are in summer, most metropolitan cities start to offer cultural events, which are often inexpensive and sometimes even free. Why not grab a drink with a date and check out the Jazz Festival? Also, art galleries often offer wine and cheese events that are open to the general public at a low cost.

These activities won't cost you a fortune and are a great opportunity for some flirty conversation and chance to really get to know each other.

And before you run out and spend hundreds on a new outfit for your next date, remember to check out your girlfriend's closets (we came up with this rule after the $700 incident!). On a first date, you will be the only one who ever knows that that sexy shirt has been worn by someone else.

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Much more than intercourse

Yoga, sex, spirit merging

Sex, meet spirituality. Spirituality, meet sex.

In a growing offshoot of the world of yoga, sex and spirit are coming together again after a long estrangement.

The most spectacular result of this climactic coupling of intercourse and prayer is — of course — transcendent orgasms that last longer and feel better.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Proponents of the spiritual approach to sex say it offers greater emotional awareness, more connected relationships, and a greater sense of fulfillment in life.

"People are hungry for meaning, for spiritual connection," says Gina Ogden, a sex therapist and author of several books about the connection between sex and soul. "This work offers a model for people to channel that which moves them most — and that might be their sexual energy — into a larger container that enables them to connect their feelings to the rest of their lives."

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In the pose of Yab-Yum, which means father-mother in Tibetan, couple Kim Ward-Campbell and Demian Melnyk focus on one of the postures of the sensuality movement.

Influenced by modern psychology as well as ancient Eastern traditions, the spiritual approach to sex has sparked a startling new conversation about the emotional, mystical and spiritual powers of an act that has long been treated as a physical and psychological phenomenon.

You might have heard of Tantric sex and the Kama Sutra, but this new wave of sexual exploration places these ancient practices squarely in the present, aiming to help modern couples, both straight and gay, find sexual satisfaction.

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orgasm vs. yogasm

» How does a "yogasm" differ? In orgasmic meditation, orgasm comes before full release, with the focus on extending and enhancing this moment.

Achieving natural highs

alive

From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

Here are four ways to rev up your summer exercise routine:

1. Pumping iron

» Strength training not only increases muscular strength but also improves quality of life and increases metabolism.

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Sex & the single

Author looks at women who won't settle

In spite of the mitigating effects of Manolos and martinis, being single in the city isn't always easy.

That's why Liz Tuccillo, a writer and single girl with a few bad dates in her back pocket, wrote a book called How To Be Single.

Tuccillo knows the subject matter. She spent two years as a staff writer for the now legendary TV series Sex And The City, and also co-wrote the 2004 book, He's Just Not That Into You, which hit bestseller lists globally and inspired a movie set for release this year. It will star Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston and, in a cameo, Tuccillo herself.

The author's latest book — a novel — tells the story of a New York singleton who travels the world talking to women about how they manage to live alone and like it.

"I had a few more stories to tell after Sex, stories I wanted to get off my chest," says Tuccillo on the phone from New York. "The book is a little bit of a darker viewpoint on being single, a less glamorous version of being single."

Q How old are you?

A I'm 45. Oh my God, it takes my breath away when I say that.

Q What's your romantic situation?

A I'm still single. I just started dating someone. It's new.

Q How much of How To Be Single is autobiographical?

A I did travel around the world to do research. But I didn't fall in love with a French man, though I did hear a lot of stories.

Q Why was it necessary to get out of New York?

A I felt like I could learn a few things. I felt like it was a fascinating topic to hear what everybody else was saying. I was inspired by something that happened while I was in London doing interviews for He's Just Not That Into You.

We took calls from India. A single woman called. She had read the book and had cast aside the idea of arranged marriage. She decided against it and was out there, single and dating. She told the story of a boyfriend who made her pay for everything. I asked how arranged marriages seem now, and she said, "They're looking better and better."

I thought: "What's going on everywhere else? Who is doing it better?" It became a fascinating idea.

Q Are there common elements in the lives of single women around the world?

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Liz Tuccillo, co-author of He's Just Not That Into You (now a film), examines global women in her new book How To Be Single, left.

A Women want to meet somebody. They're hoping to meet a partner. But I heard very often that they'd rather be alone than in a bad relationship. They'd rather be alone than settle.

Q Why?

A I think it's because women started working and making money. They stopped needing men to take care of them so they raised the bar as to what they needed from a man — it became about love.

Q What did you personally learn from your travels?

A I learned that the culture you live in definitely affects how you view your singleness. Therefore, if it's just a state of mind, you can adjust your own attitude.

I sometimes think of myself now as an Icelandic woman. I met an Icelandic woman and asked what advice she would have for single women. She said: "Be strong. Don't cry."

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Leonardo DiCaprio, left, is set to star in the biopic Atari, about Nolan Bushnell, one of the founding fathers of the videogame industry. EW.COM

Sloan takes Parallel path

Rock act mines diverse influences on ninth album

By **ROB MCMAHON**
for Metro Calgary

What's the connection between Led Zeppelin, a custard pie and one of Canada's best-known power-pop bands?

According to Sloan singer-guitarist Patrick Pentland, a touch of anxiety.

On the cusp of releasing Parallel Play, he's worried about the band getting pegged with another overriding influence, such as earlier comparisons to the Beatles. While Sloan has worked to shake that tag, it's a stress.

"The other day I brought a custard pie into the studio from a bakery down the street. Someone said 'Hey, remember Custard Pie, that Led Zeppelin song?'" he said. "Someone had it in their iPod and we put it on, and Jay said 'Why don't we rip off the drum beat and write a song around it?'…But then we thought someone might say 'Oh they're going through a Zeppelin stage'!"

Pentland also bats away possible connections to roots rock, despite the acoustic base of some of the new disc's songs and Wilco-esque production flourishes. Instead, he points to the band's diverse influences: Rambling, electric-era Dylan, reggae, and keyboards played by Pentland's father.

This range, he said, stems from the band's songwriting process — an approach referenced in the title Parallel Play. The term, pulled from child psychology, describes a situation where children enjoy playing independently, but in the company of other kids.

"Sometimes in the past, we had not wanted to talk about how we make songs, since there's this romantic idea we all straggle into the studio, and one person starts counting out the tempo and we all start playing," he said. "It's not like that. We all play and record together, but go off and write the songs alone."

Not every member likes Spoon- and Shins-style production flourishes — but Pentland sure does. Album-opener Believe in Me features backwards guitar, reverb, eight guitars layered over one another, and a delayed organ. Pentland assembled the song piece by piece over time — the opening guitar riff was actually written last, and then cut and pasted as an intro.

"You can play (the songs) on an acoustic guitar, but there's all kinds of production on top of that," he said. "It adds flavours…It's like making an apple pie and throwing in a little chili, or if your popcorn is too salty, you pour some syrup on it. It tastes good, even if it's not something you're supposed to do."

Parallel Play, the new album from Sloan, is available in stores and online today.

video awards

New Kids on the MMVA lineup

MUSIC MuchMusic has added the reunited New Kids on the Block to the list of performers at the MuchMusic Video Awards on June 15.

tops acts

» Leading nominees for the MMVAs include Hedley, Belly and IllScarlett.

This will be the first Canadian television appearance for Donnie, Joey, Jordan, Jonathan and Danny in more than 15 years. Hedley, Kardinal Offishall, and Rihanna will also perform at the MMVAs.

The New Kids tour North America this fall, stopping in Calgary Nov. 19.

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Rapper Missy Elliott ready to Party again

Rapper Missy Elliott is gearing up to release her first album in three years.

Elliott

Tentatively titled Block Party and due in August, the oft-delayed Atlantic release is the follow-up to 2005's The Cookbook, which sold a relatively disappointing 645,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. Her best-seller is 2002's Under Construction which sold 2.1 million copies.

Tracks on the new album, Elliott's seventh, include the drum-heavy Hip-Hop Don't Die; the sensual Milk & Cookies, on which Elliott lightheartedly harmonizes about her capabilities in the bedroom; and first single Best Best.

To help reintroduce Elliott to the marketplace, Atlantic included two new songs, Ching-a-Ling and Shake Your Pom Pom, on the Step Up 2 the Streets soundtrack in March. The tracks, which will be reprised on Block Party, have already sold a combined 296,000 copies digitally.

Elliott will also release a promotional album in midsummer, Fanomenal, which was titled by fans in an online vote and will include exclusive tracks and videos. And, in keeping with the new album title's theme, Elliott will host a couple of block parties around the July 4 and Labour Day weekends. REUTERS

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Winehouse hubby pleads guilty

The husband of troubled soul singer Amy Winehouse has admitted to assaulting a pub owner, then trying to cover it up, court officials said yesterday.

Blake Fielder-Civil, 26, pleaded guilty to charges of committing grievous bodily harm and conspiring to obstruct justice in a case stemming from a bar brawl in 2006.

The guilty pleas were made public after judge David Radford lifted reporting restrictions on the case, according to an official at Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London.

Fielder-Civil, a onetime music video assistant, has spent much of his first year of marriage behind bars, having been remanded in custody ahead of the trial.

The trial had been due to begin late last year but was postponed until this month for legal reasons.

Critics attending some of her recent performances have said the singer, who has been battling drug addiction and checked into a rehabilitation clinic in January, appeared to be deeply disturbed by the case.

Three of Fielder-Civil's co-defendants in the case also pleaded guilty to charges related to the crime, and the pub owner, James King, alone faces trial on a charge of obstruction of justice after pleading not guilty.

The group will be sentenced on a date to be set.

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Paul Giamatti, left, as John Adams in the HBO miniseries of the same name.

HBO drama elicits envy

John Adams

Stars: Paul Giamatti, Laura Linney

Distributor: HBO DVD box set

DVD REVIEWS

RICK McGINNIS

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AS A CANADIAN, it's hard to ignore a tug of envy while watching HBO's seven-part dramatic miniseries on the life of America's second president.

While the U.S. cable giant seems to be struggling to replicate the success of The Sopranos and Sex And The City in its regular programming, it continues to hit high points with its special programming, such as this adaptation of David McCullough's best-selling biography starring Paul Giamatti.

Giamatti plays Adams as a seether, a man with a healthy ego nonetheless surprised at how history and greatness keep tugging him into the centre ring. Adams was a complicated man, given the unenviable job of following George Washington into the presidency, aware of how he'd always be judged as lacking next to so clearly heroic a figure. Giamatti is perfectly cast as the small man on a big stage, as is Laura Linney as his wife Abigail, quite literally his better half emotionally and intellectually.

Watching this carefully assembled and undeniably dramatic story play out over nearly 10 hours, one can't help but wonder that Canada has never found a way to do anything similar on the life of Alexander Mackenzie, never mind John A. Macdonald. (Our second and first prime ministers respectively, for the historically illiterate.)

There have been feints, but nothing on this scale, or with this sort of visual distinctiveness.

In a "making of" bonus feature, director Tom Hooper talks about his diligence in making sure his crew didn't lapse into the habit — drilled into them by years of experience — of making the actors look too pretty. His late-18th and early-19th century is a grimy, dirty place, and a dermatological wasteland, judging by the close-ups.

It helps that Giamatti and Linney are surrounded by a stellar supporting cast — watch out for Tom Wilkinson's Ben Franklin and Stephen Dillane's arrestingly still Thomas Jefferson.

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Ben Stiller (right) and Reese Witherspoon are starring in Cameron Crowe's as-yet untitled romantic comedy adventure for Columbia Pictures. The plot is being kept under wraps. EW.COM

box office

Sex appeals to foreign markets

MOVIES Sex And The City edged out Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull to claim the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office overseas. The romantic comedy earned an estimated $38.2 million US from 40 markets during its second weekend, and has racked up $91.3 million to date.

Kung Fu Panda, which replaced Sex And The City atop the North American box office, also debuted at No. 1 in nine overseas markets with an animated $20.7 million. The Jack Black comedy grossed a stunning $9.2 million in Russia, and $7.5 million in South Korea.

television

Tamblyn enlists with Unusuals

CASTING Amber Tamblyn, star of the short-lived drama Joan of Arcadia, has signed on as the female lead in the ABC pilot The Unusuals.

The comedy-drama is set at a New York police precinct. Tamblyn will play a smart cop who also is the black sheep of her wealthy family. The actress returns to theatres in August with The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

opera

Brokeback set for opera remake

ADAPTATION New York City Opera has commissioned composer Charles Wuorinen to write an opera based on Brokeback Mountain, the love story about two ranch hands that won three Oscars when it was turned into a movie.

Spokesman Gerard Mortier said in a statement that Wuorinen had accepted an invitation to compose an opera based on Annie Proulx's short story. It is slated to premiere during City Opera's 2013 spring season.

Late actor Heath Ledger was also nominated for an Oscar for his role in the 2005 movie.

REUTERS

High-def sensory overload?

It's here, so might as well enjoy the view

IDIOT BOX

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TOO MUCH, TOO SOON?

The analog TV signal will go the way of the coal scuttle, phonograph needle and buggy whip next year, when the U.S. Federal Communications Commission has ordered that all TV signals must convert to digital, and as surely as dessert follows dinner the spread of high-definition signals will blossom in its wake, as all the folks who are buying flat panel TVs to replace their cathode ray tubes will realize just how good their new set can look with the right signal.

People often ask me just what's the right size of LCD or plasma TV for their home and my usual response is "how big is the door?"

The only thing that should stop you from going bigger when buying a new TV these days is what you can afford, and anyone who lets themselves get talked into going for a smaller screen when they can have a drive-in in their living room is going to regret their timidity.

That said, going high-def often results in a "shock of the new" for viewers, one summed up nicely by Matthew Gilbert this week in the Boston Globe, whose choice of inaugural programming for his first high-def foray was The View, and you have to know that he paid for it.

"My eyes tingle just remembering it all," Gilbert writes.

"Unaccustomed to the full disclosure that comes with HD's very many lines of resolution, its onslaught of visual data, I was blown away.

"If TV is like a drug, as some say, then I think HDTV must be like crystal meth, delivering a rush of hyper-clarity and sharpness straight to the head."

But like any human overwhelmed with a new sensation, Gilbert wonders if it's too much, if it's all somehow ... well ... unhealthy.

Gilbert wonders if HDTV is "Too Much Information TV? When we watch a boxing match, do we really want to see every single drop of blood and sweat glistening in the klieg lights, sailing across the ring? Do we really need to see the View ladies, during a spat about Barack Obama, develop a veneer of perspiration, or glimpse the beating-hot overhead studio lights in the shine on guest Salman Rushdie's bald dome?"

> « *"Do we really need to see the View ladies ... develop a veneer of perspiration, or glimpse the beating-hot overhead studio lights in the shine on guest Salman Rushdie's bald dome?" As far as I'm concerned, the answer is yes, yes and yes.* »

As far as I'm concerned, the answer is yes, yes and yes. Gilbert suggests that old, standard-def TV does us a favour, as "it filters out the unnecessary.

"There are noises I don't need to hear, smells I don't need to smell, visuals I don't need to focus on."

I'd suggest that, in a week or two, overstimulated Gilbert would probably have found a way to tune out the new visual gloss, just as he probably doesn't wander the streets goggling at every flower bud and gum stain.

When I finally returned to TV after over 15 TV-less years, I made the mistake of turning on my new TV and cable box in the middle of the afternoon, and ended up with a weeks-long addiction to Coronation Street and syndicated reruns of Designing Women. I got better.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics'corner

Judy: Impressions of Garland

That woman had some set of pipes! In this documentary from 1972, Judy Garland's too-short life and career are remembered. Among those reminiscing about her are frequent co-star Mickey Rooney ("Babes in Arms," "Love Finds Andy Hardy"), director Charles Walters ("Easter Parade," "Summer Stock") and her daughter Liza Minnelli, who made a brief cameo as a child with her mother in "In the Good Old Summertime." 4:45 PM on TCM

Burn Up

Environmentalism is serious business, so when a movie comes along spouting the importance of it, it's all up to the actors to make it interesting. In this new miniseries, an oil exec develops a conscience and becomes torn between fiscal responsibility and the environment. Neve Campbell, Bradley Whitford, Rupert Penry-Jones and Nigel Bennett star. 9 PM on CICT

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

She's not mentally challenged, but she does a fine job of playing it on TV in this episode. Young Paulina Gerzon, best known as Maddie on "All My Children," guest stars as the only witness to a brutal attack on her mom, which left the woman in a coma. Because of her disability, Benson and Stabler (Mariska Hargitay, Christopher Meloni) don't think she'll be a reliable witness, but with Huang's (B.D. Wong) help, they do get some interesting info out of her. 10 PM on CFCN

celebritybuzz

Lopez gets fit with fashion line

Superstar new mother Jennifer Lopez is reportedly designing a range of exercise clothes, to inspire her own battle to regain her pre-pregnancy figure, *imdb.com* reports. The singer/actress – who gave birth to twins Max and Emme in February – wants the clothes to go on sale alongside her current J.Lo, SweetFace and JustSweet lines.

A source tells Ok! magazine, "She has some street gear already in her lines, but she wants something exclusively for sneakers, yoga pants and dance gear. She wants it to look great in the gym and in the street, and to be affordable and functional."

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Mills mad at rude audience

Heather Mills reportedly flew into a rage when party-goers refused to listen to her speech, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The former model was due to talk about the cruelty of puppy farms at a New York party in support of a book about animals, but launched her verbal assault on guests when they continued to speak over her. She reportedly ranted into the microphone: "Listen up at the back. I haven't been up for 24 hours and flew here from London to be ignored."

Later in the evening, she is said to have complained about the reception she received, saying: "People go to these events, have a drink and leave."

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It's a girl for Alba, Warren

Jessica Alba and husband Cash Warren have welcomed a baby girl, *People.com* reports. Honor Marie Warren was born June 7 in Los Angeles, Alba's rep, Brad Cafarelli, confirms. This is the couple's first child.

Alba, 27, and Warren, 31, quietly wed on May 19 at the Beverly Hills courthouse. The two met while working on Fantastic Four, for which Warren was the director's assistant. They became engaged last December.

As for the kind of parent Alba plans to be, the actress recently told Fit Pregnancy that she'll walk the line between tough and nurturing. "I don't want to be my child's best friend. I want to be a mom," she said. "But I do want my child to come to me when they have problems and need to talk, so it's going to be about treading that line."

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Michael may halt Wham! film

A big-screen movie about 1980s hitmakers Wham! has been thrown into doubt after former frontman George Michael refused to give the project the go ahead, *imdb.com* reports. Michael formed one half of the group alongside Andrew Ridgeley and their former manager Simon Napier-Bell is in talks to make a $100 million US movie about the duo's rise to fame. But Napier-Bell fears the film may never reach cinemas because of Michael's determination to control the production – and it will have to be scrapped if the star doesn't give the movie his blessing.

Napier-Bell says, "There are several people sniffing around a Wham! film but I'm not sure any of them will come off because they all require Wham! music in them – and George controls all that.

He will have the yes or no on each script presented. George would want control."

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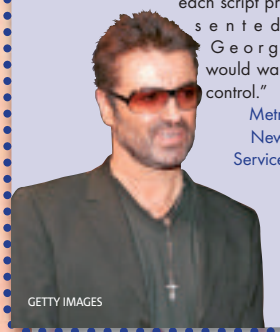

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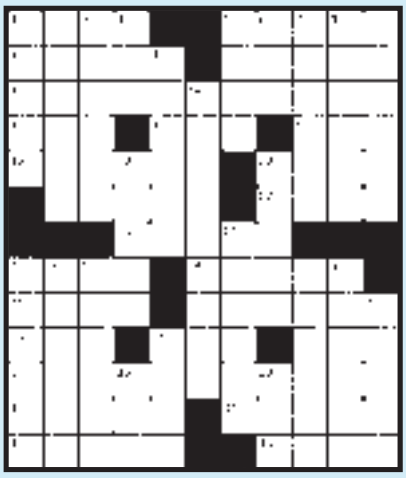

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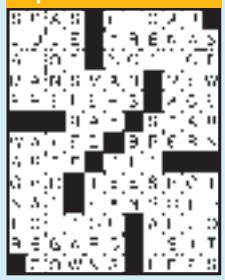

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
An important letter should be written now. Have cash handy for yesterday's hero. Get outside and stay there a while.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Be perky when meeting with a stubborn fool. A VIP triumphs over you in a debate. A co-worker can't resist disturbing you.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Romance develops for very unusual reasons. Pay attention to signals. A foreigner will ask for help with practical plans.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
Reveal your plans to a heartbroken man. A rude person takes off for parts unknown. A call means a career change is pending.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A supporter goes on an inconvenient vacation. Money problems cause changes to your comfort zone. A genius gives hope for future.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Being a stick-in-the-mud causes trouble. An outcast has the ambition to unseat a leader. Don't fall behind in the rat race.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Trust your instincts with a friend's sweetness. A strongly opinionated woman will disrupt a chat. Take care around angry women.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Don't ignore the words of a concerned mother. You'll catch an unexpected slip-up. Good judgment has ended high expectations.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Talking things out takes more time. Be polite when a rude enemy arrives. Give a grovelling guy a break.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A plan is turning out all wrong. Laugh off a co-worker's pitiful accusations. Don't get stuck dealing with irrational people.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Pettiness is beneath a know-it-all. A distant man wins empathy from friendliness. You'll take control of your own life.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
An attempt is made to gain your respect. A heartbreaking topic is spoken about. Beware indulgence in comfort foods.

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Terry Stickels
Molly and Maggie went to different stores that sold candy. When they saw each other later that day, they realized they had bought the same number of similar chocolates.
Molly asked Maggie how much she had paid for her chocolates. Maggie said she had purchased hers at 3 for 28 cents. Molly said she had purchased hers at 8 for 50 cents. Maggie then replied she had spent only a nickel more than Molly.
How many chocolates had each purchased?

Previous Answer

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1	5							
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2	8			6	3		7	
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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

2	6	9	7	1	3	4	5	8
5	7	1	4	2	8	3	9	6
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4	1	7	8	5	9	2	6	3
9	2	3	1	4	6	5	8	7
7	9	2	5	6	1	8	3	4
6	3	4	2	8	7	9	1	5
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This Day IN HISTORY

June 10, 1944: In baseball, 15-year old Joe Nuxhall of the Cincinnati Reds becomes the youngest player ever in a major-league game.
June 10, 1947: Saab produces its first automobile.
June 10, 2002: First direct electronic communication experiment between the nervous systems of two humans carried out by Kevin Warwick in the United Kingdom.
June 10, 2003: The Spirit Rover is launched, beginning NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
90%	80%	80%		40%
Rain. 10°	Rain. Low 8°	Rain. 9° / 5°	Cloudy. 15° / 8°	Showers. 18° / 7°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.1°
Low: 6°

Records
High: 32.2°/1918
Low: 0°/1894

Sunrise: 5:21 a.m.
Sunset: 9:50 p.m.
Moonset: 1:43 a.m.
Moonrise: 1:46 p.m.

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2420 - 42 Ave. NE
19 - 2520 23 St. NE
2000 McKnight Blvd. NE

SOUTHWEST

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1 - 4623 Bow Trail SW
5 - 2008 33 Ave. SW
12 - 9250 MacLeod Trail S
16061 MacLeod Trail S

SOUTHEAST

856 - 33 Heritage Meadows Way SE
1288 42 Ave. SE
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4410 50 Ave. SE
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109S - 8500 MacLeod Trail SE
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